

Carbon Capture and Storage in the Southwestern United States



**The Southwest Regional
Partnership on Carbon
Sequestration**

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EGI Snapshot



- A cost-shared laboratory with 70 EGI scientists & staff
- Largest Univ. petroleum research consortia in world (58 members from 20 countries)
- EGI scientists worked on all 7 continents in 62 countries and produced over 500 research reports
- Cooperation with > 40 International Organizations
- Delivered > \$250 Million dollars of research

Calgary

Houston

Salt Lake

London

Sydney

58 EGI Petroleum Industry

Corporate Associate Members

Anadarko - KMG

Anzon Energy

Apache

British Gas

BHPBilliton

BP

BPC Ltd.

Centrica

CEPSA

Chevron

Cobalt International

ConocoPhillips

Devon

DNO

El Paso

EnCana

Eni

Frontera

Gaz de France

Hess

Hunt Oil

Lukoil

Lundin

Maersk Oil

Marathon

Mitsui

Murphy Oil

Nations Energy

Newfield

Nexen

Nippon

Noble Energy

Norsk Hydro

Occidental

Oil Search

Oil India

OMV

Petrobras

Petronas

Petro-Canada

Pioneer

Pogo

Premier Oil

Reliance

Repsol YPF

ROC Oil

RWE Dea

Samson

Shell

Sipetrol

Statoil

Talisman

Teikoku Oil

Terralliance

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Member Companies -20 Countries



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India



Italy



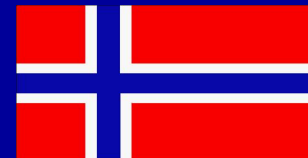
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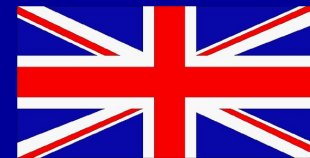
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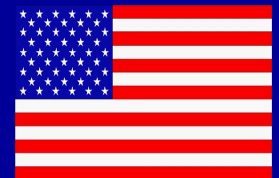
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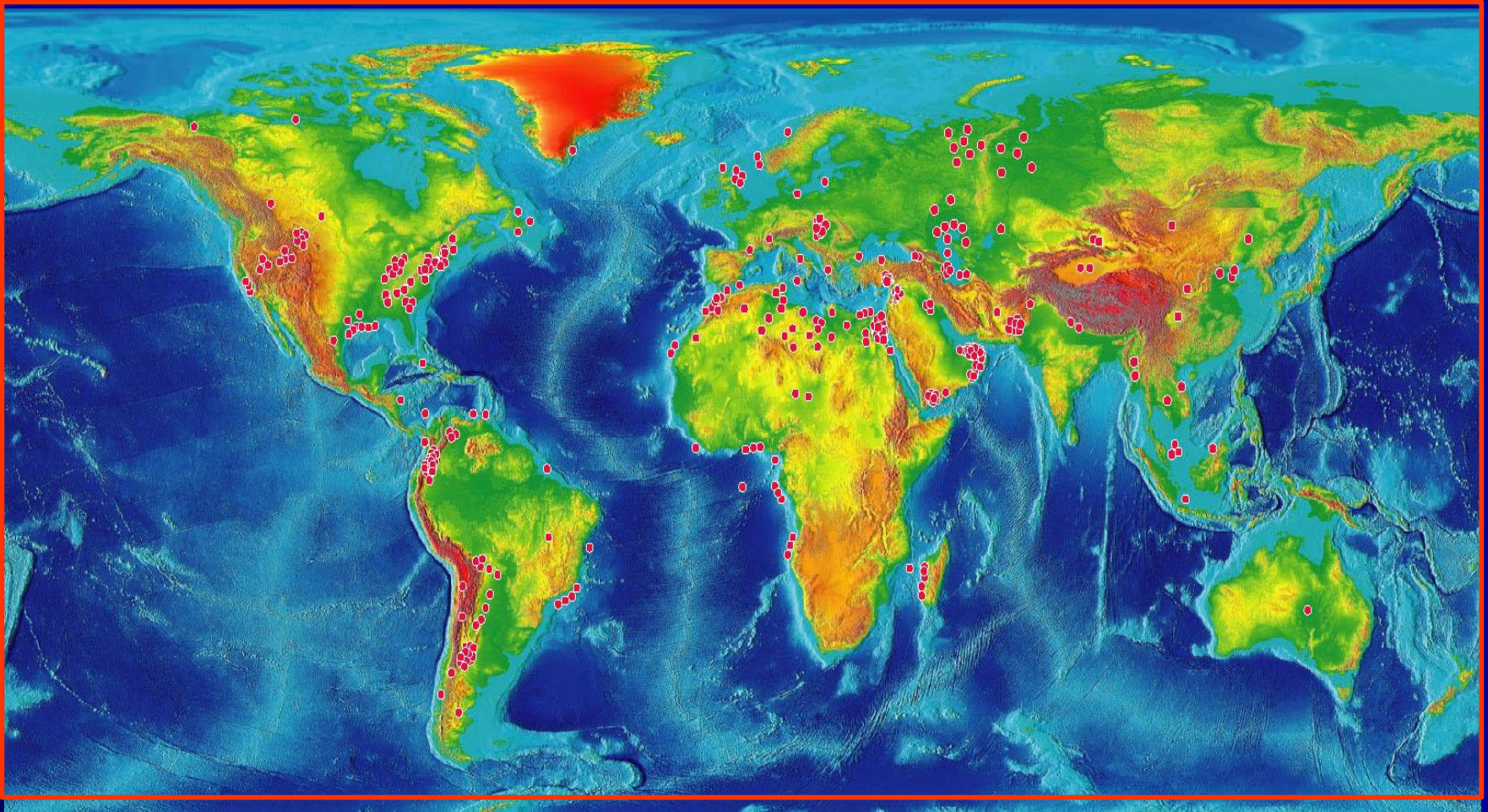
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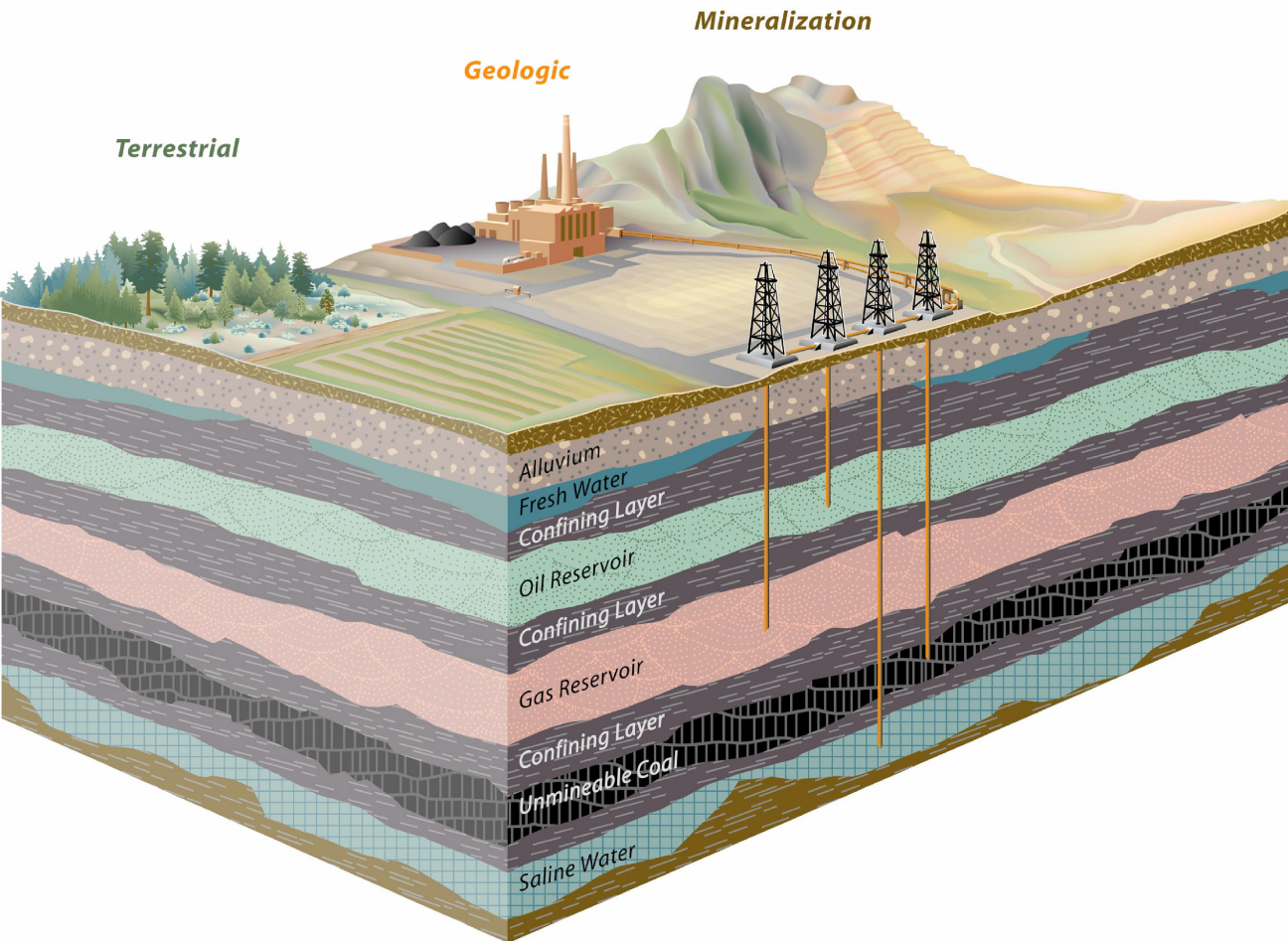
EGI is largest upstream supported consortia program at any University!

EGI Research 500+ reports in 62 Countries over 34 Years **EGI**



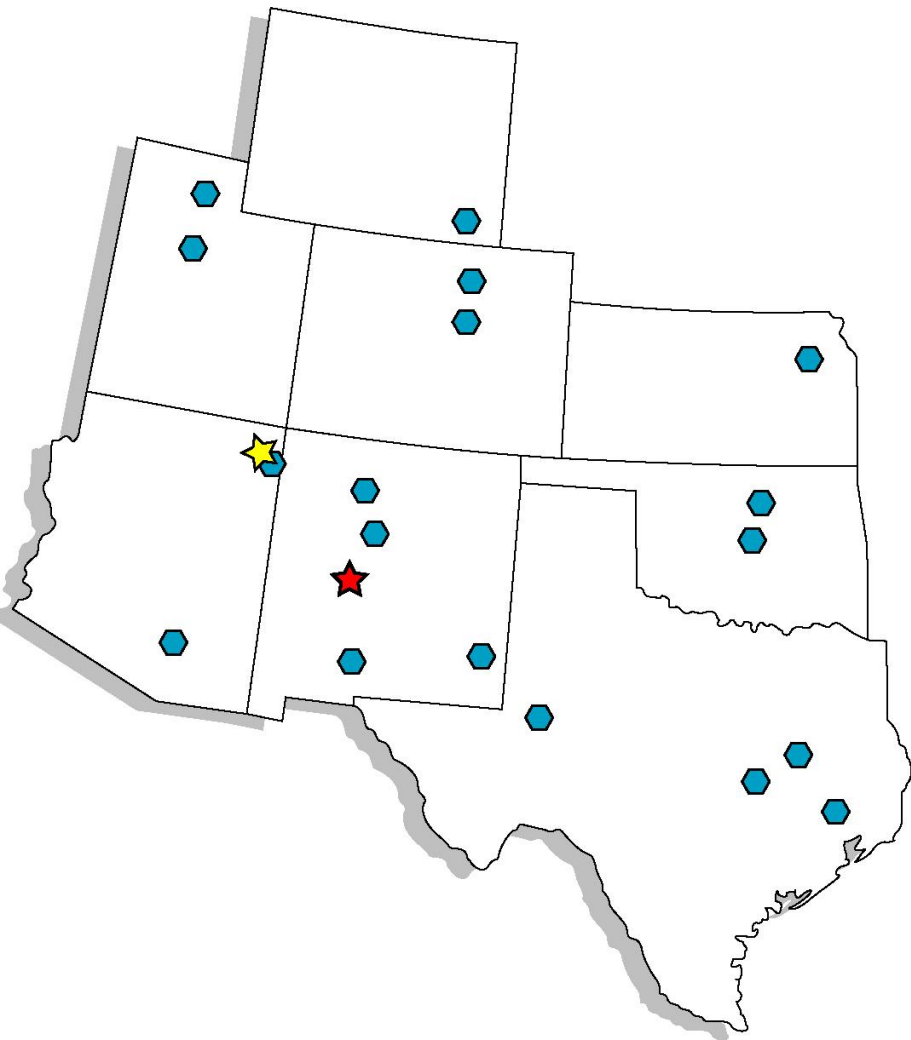
- EGI Reports available to members only

Partnership Purpose



The purpose of the Partnerships is to identify and demonstrate the most effective options for carbon sequestration.

Southwest Partners



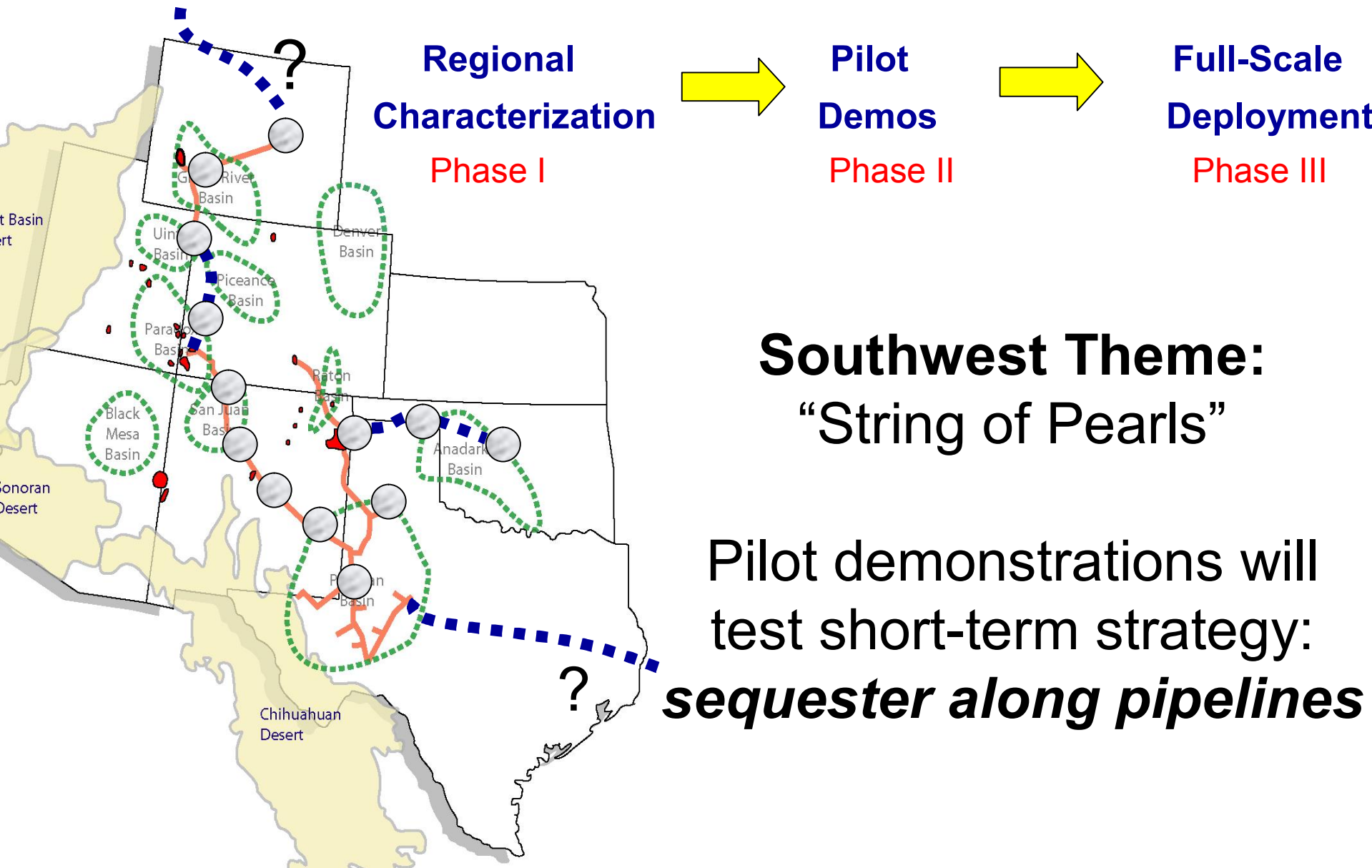
In all partner states:

- major universities
- geologic survey
- other state agencies

as well as

- Western Governors Association
- five major utilities
- seven energy companies
- three federal agencies
- the Navajo Nation
- many other critical partners

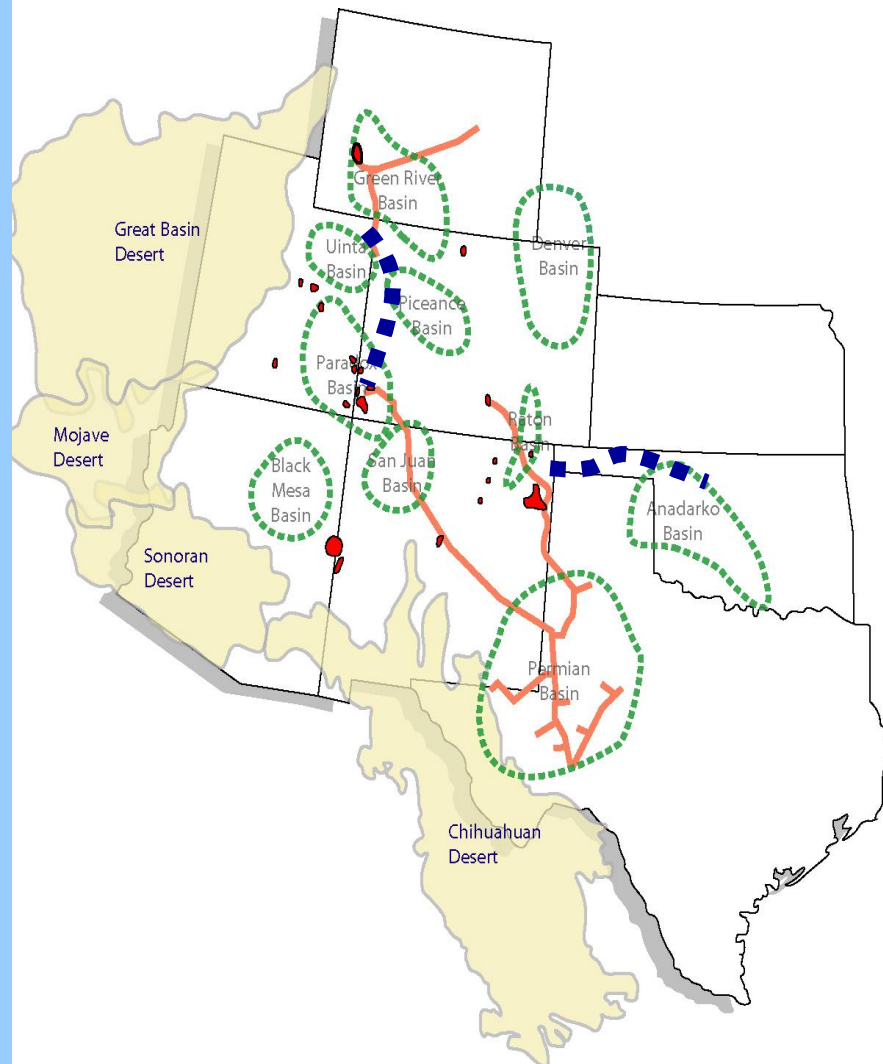
Regional Partnerships: Three Phase Work Plan



Phase I: Characterization

Phase I Primary Tasks:

- Determine most effective sequestration technologies for the region
- Characterize SW region sources and sinks – develop National Atlas
- Identify the best options by tying sources to sinks
- Outcome: In SW, practical “first opportunities” lie along existing CO₂ pipelines



Phase I:
2003-2005

Phase II:
2005-2009

Phase III:
Start 2008

Southwest Sources and Pipelines

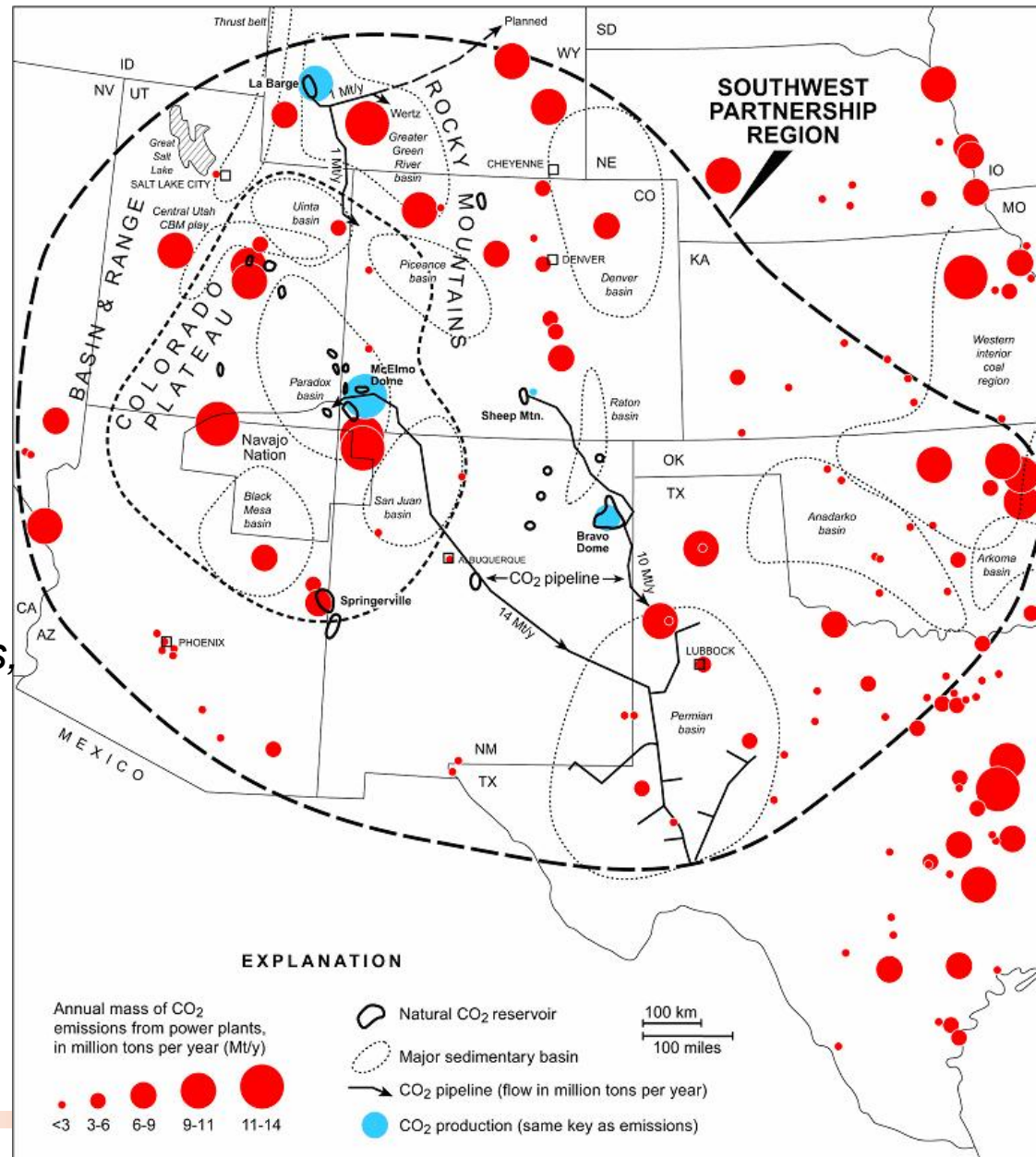
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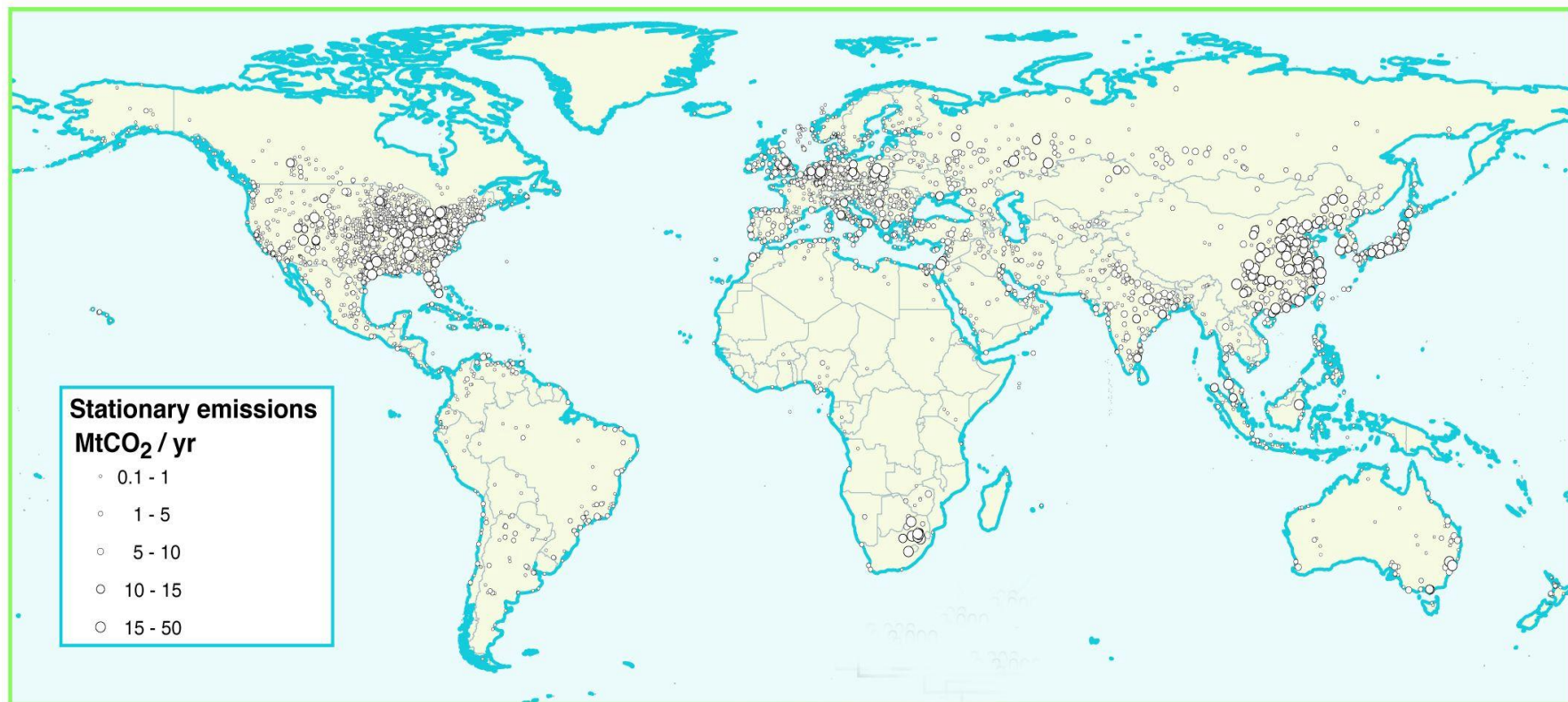
Phase III:
Start 2008

- electrical power plants
- cement & other plants
- urban centers
- non-point sources (agriculture, automobiles, etc.)

**Total regional point source emissions
Over 350,000,000 tons/year**

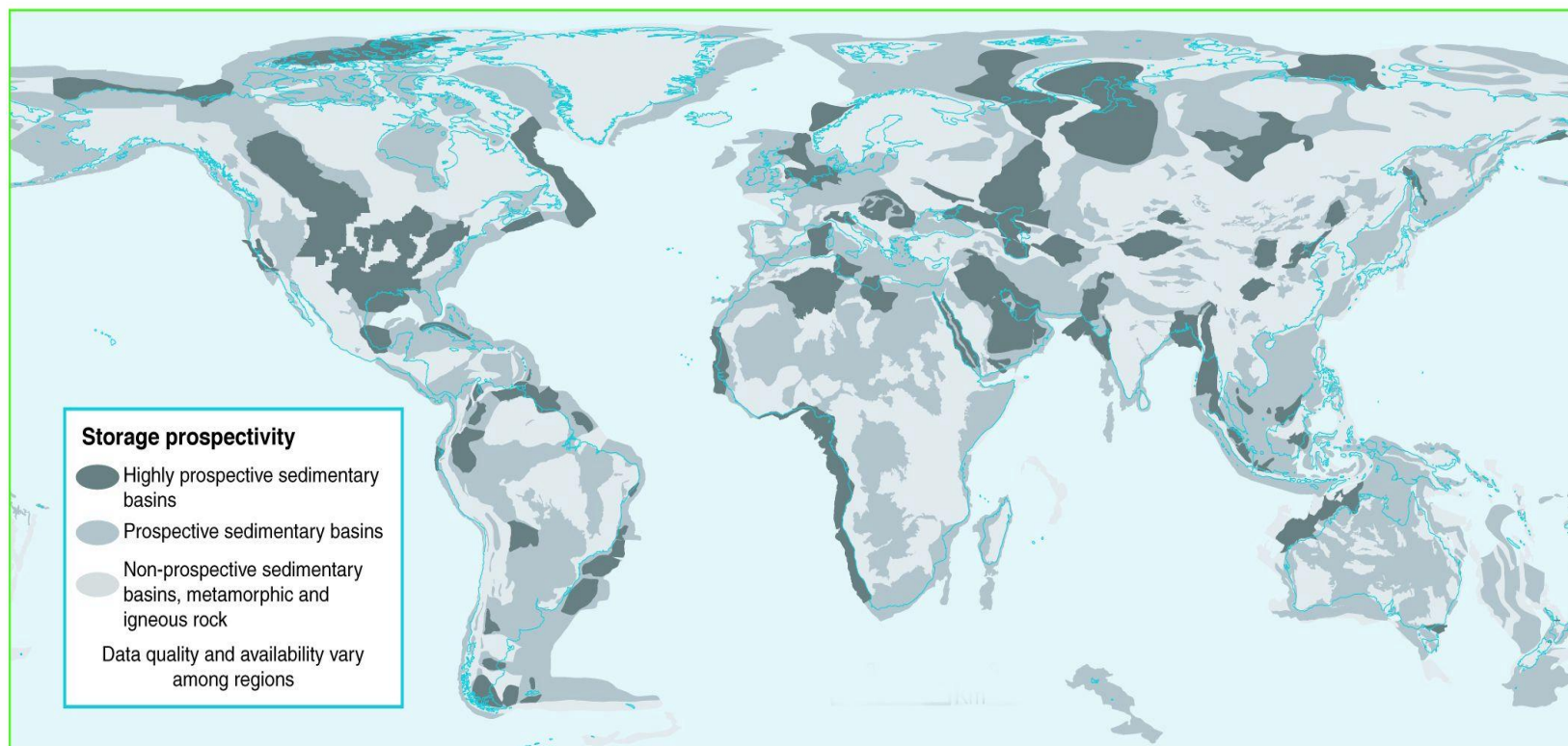


Global distribution of large stationary sources of CO₂



SRCCS Figure TS-2a

Prospective areas in sedimentary basins where suitable saline formations, oil or gas fields, or coal beds may be found.



SRCCS Figure TS-2b

Southwest Region Oil and Gas Formations

Southwest CO₂ Sinks

Phase I:
2003-2005

Minimum Oil/Gas Field Capacities:

Phase II:
2005-2009

Arizona 7 Mtons

Colorado 1.7 Gtons

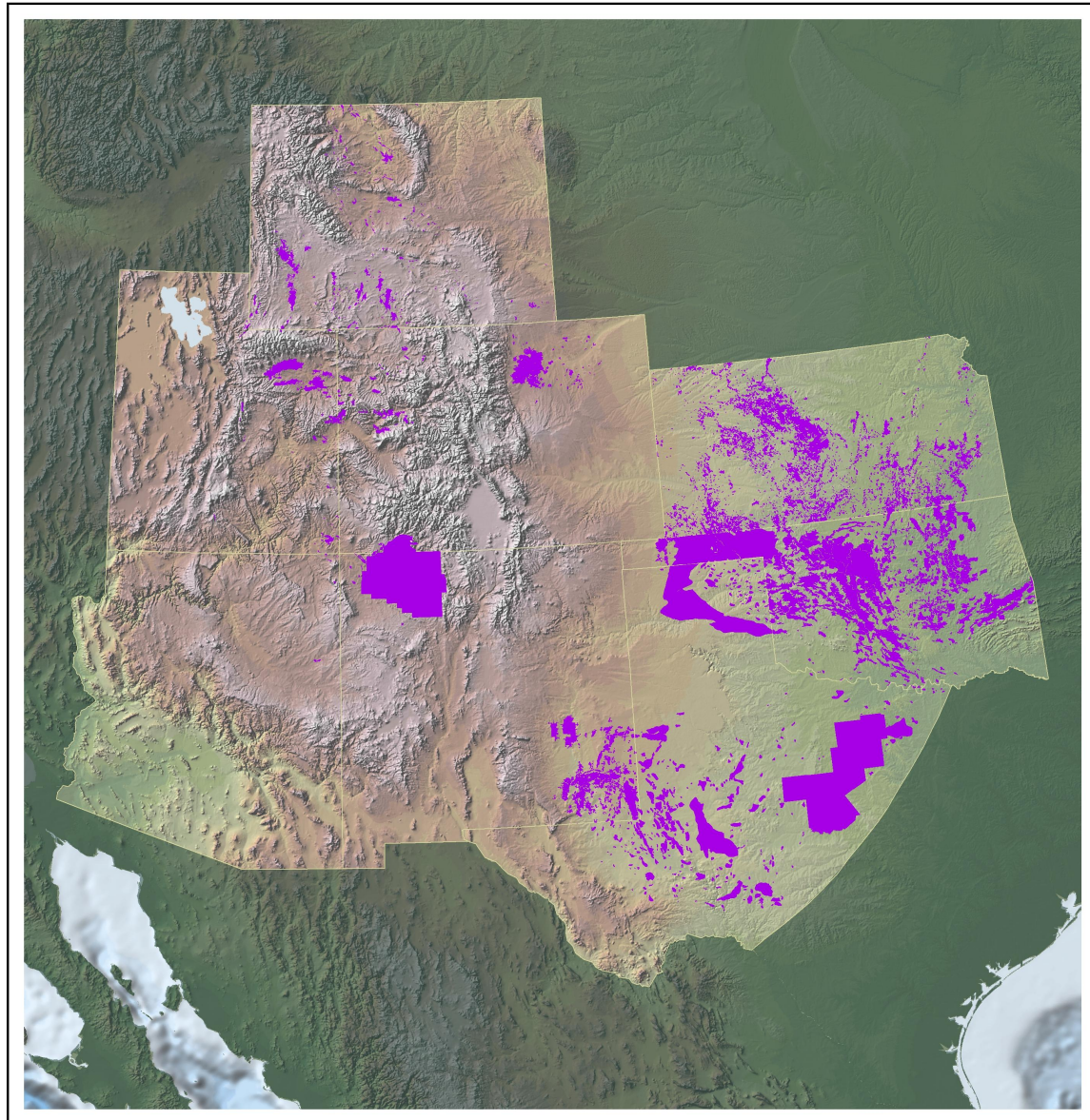
Phase III:
Start 2008

Kansas 377 Mtons

New Mexico 8 Gtons

Oklahoma 10 Gtons

Utah 1.4 Gtons



Southwest Region Saline Formations

Southwest CO₂ Sinks

Phase I:
2003-2005

Phase II:
2005-2009

Phase III:
Start 2008

Minimum Deep Saline Field Capacities:

Arizona 92 Mtons

Colorado 3.8 Gtons

Kansas 10.6 Gtons

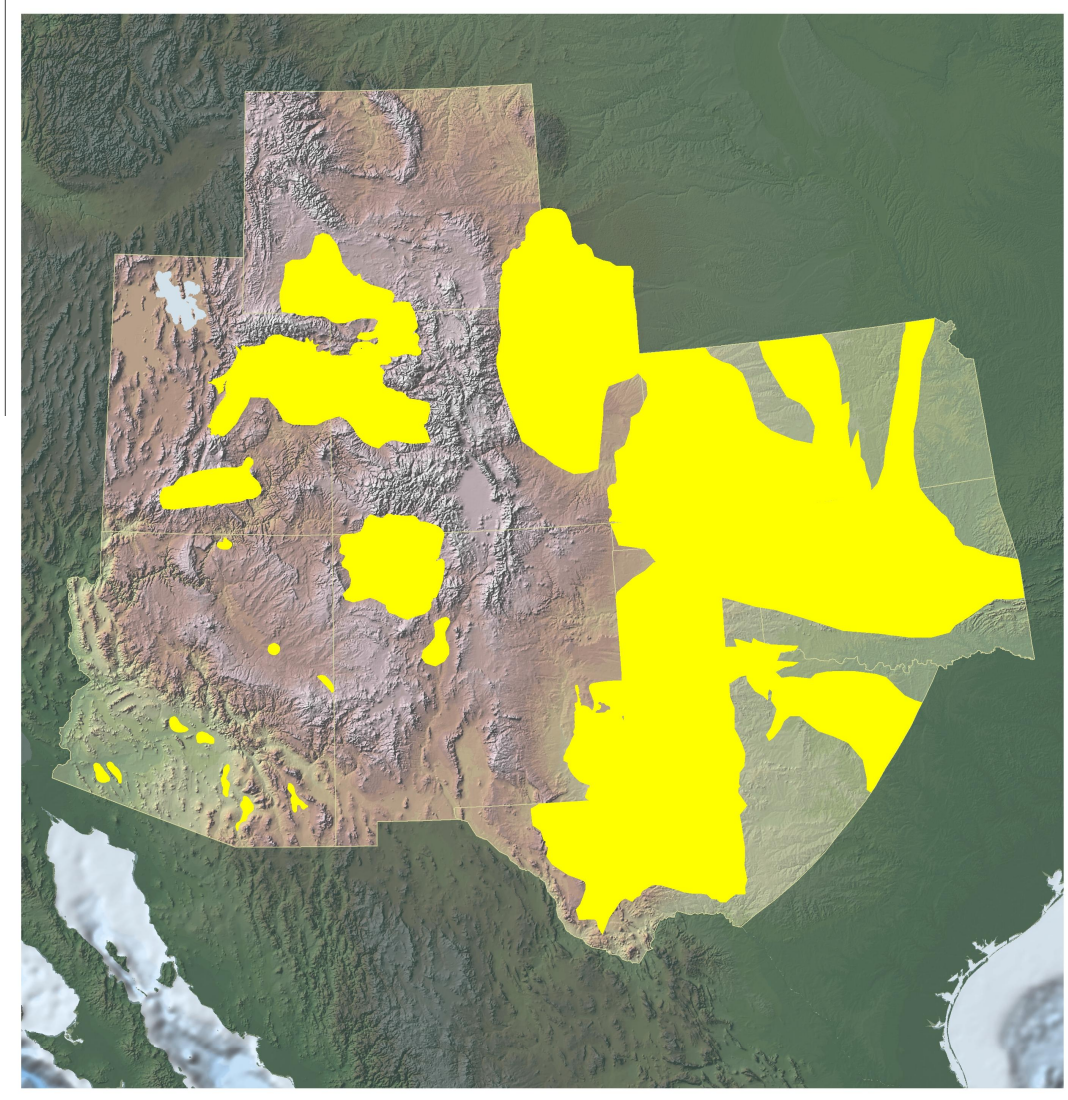
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Wyoming 507 Mtons



Example of Sink-Source Comparison: Utah

Sources (millions of tons per year):

Power and Cement Plants – under 40

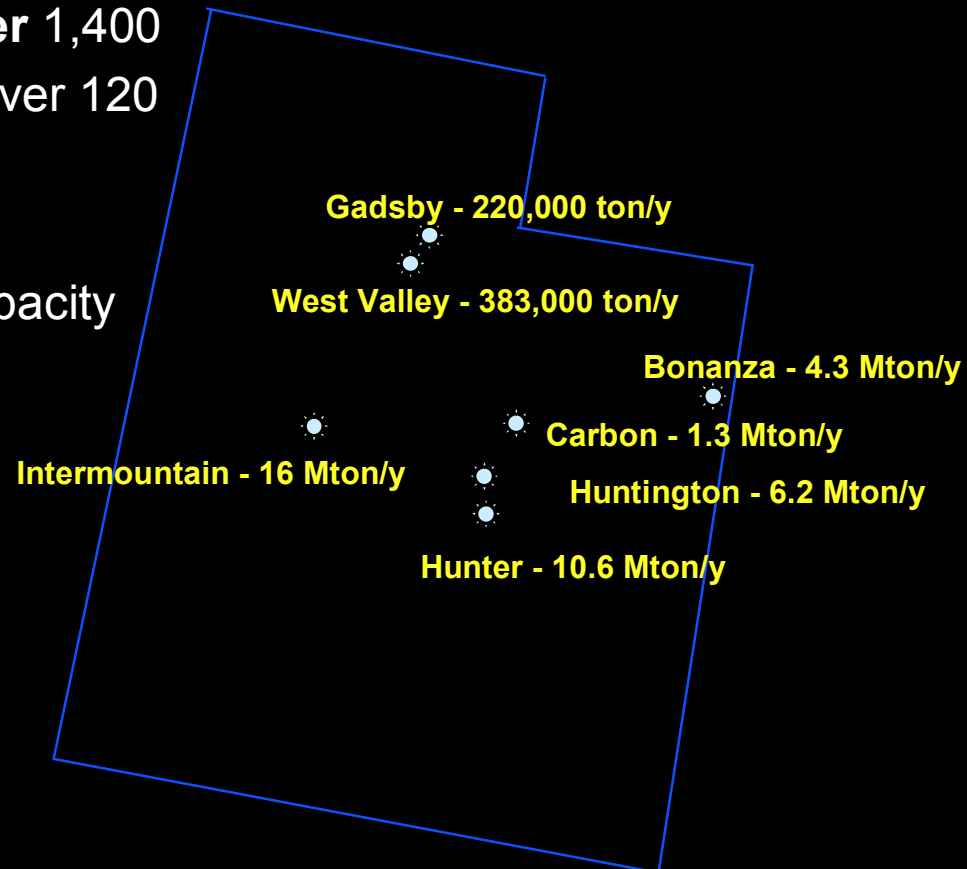
Sink Capacities (millions of tons):

Oil and Gas Reservoirs – over 1,400

Un-mineable Coal Seams – over 120

Deep Saline – over 500

Thus, the minimum storage capacity
in Utah is equivalent to over
50 years of its emissions!



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Phase II:
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Phase III:
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Phase II: Validation

Goals include:

- **Perform regional technology validation tests for 2012 technology assessment**
- **Refine and implement monitoring, mitigation and verification (MMV) protocols**
- **Continue regional characterization**
- **Regulatory compliance activities**
- **Implement public outreach and education**
- **Identify commercially available sequestration technologies ready for large scale deployment**
- **Regional partnerships program integration**

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Southwest Phase II Portfolio

Phase I:
2003-2005

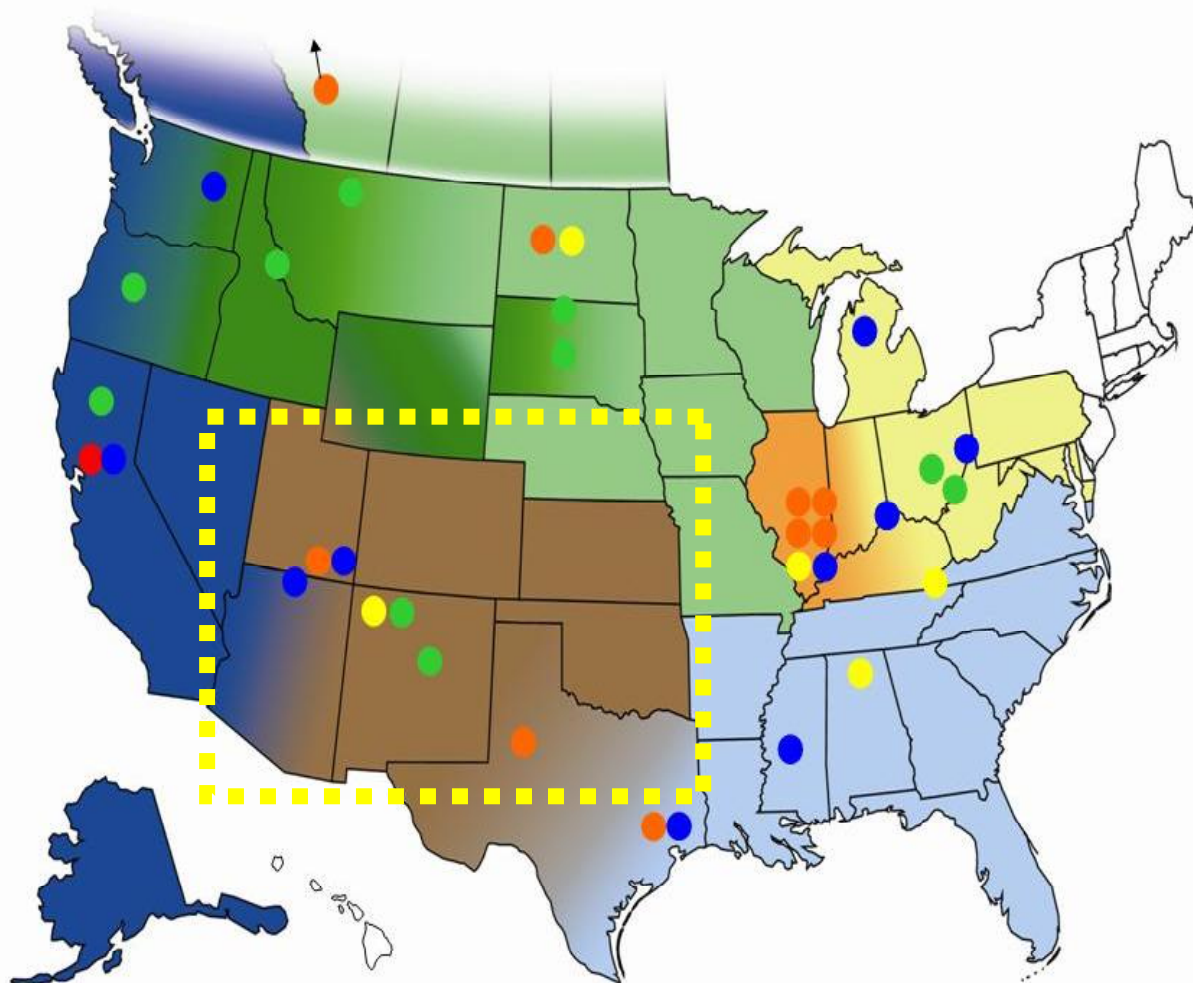
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2005-2009

Phase III:
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Partnerships



Field Test Type



Phase II Portfolio

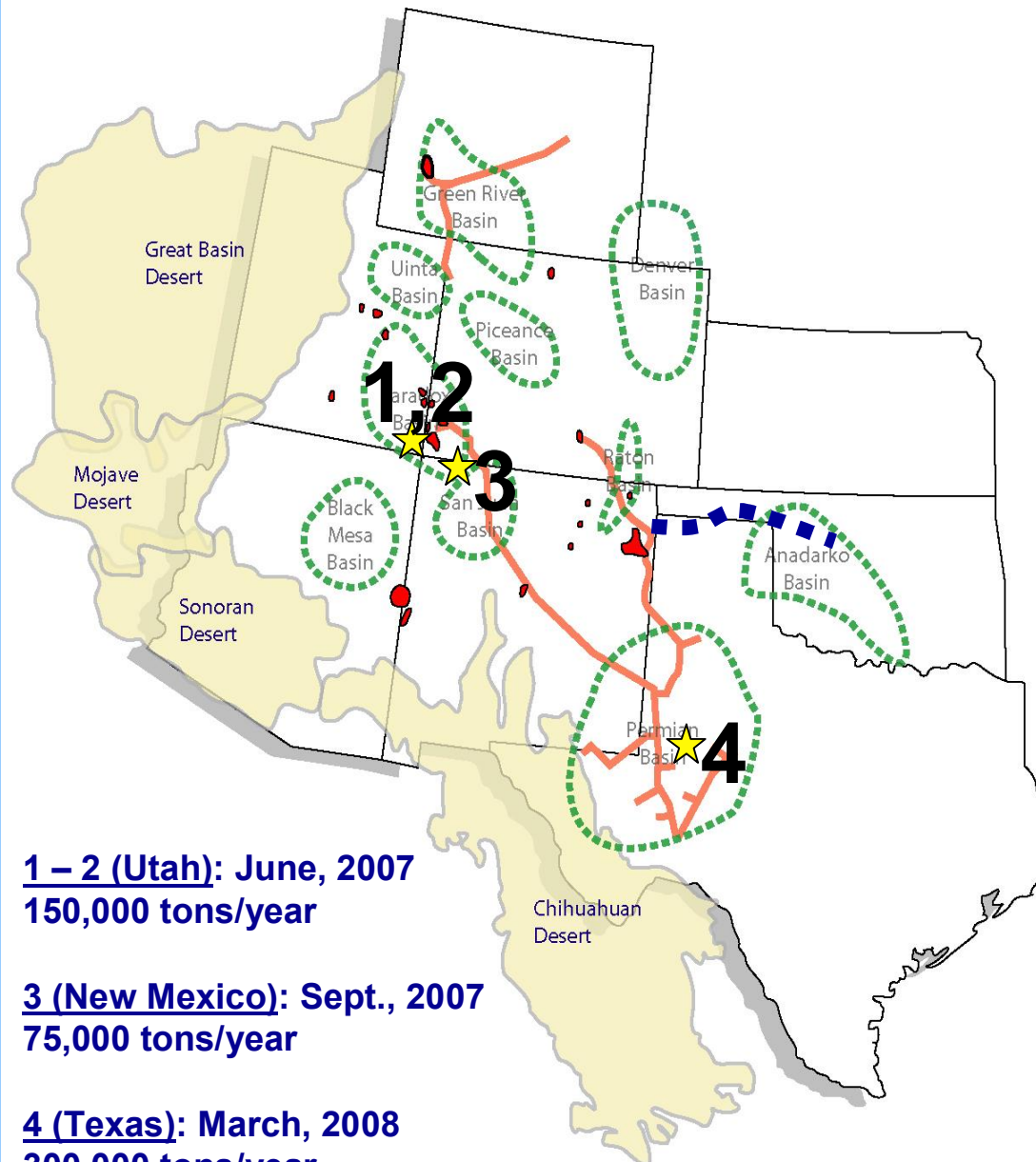
Four of over 100 geologic options were selected :

1) combined enhanced oil recovery with sequestration and

2) Deep brine reservoir sequestration testing, Paradox Basin, Utah

(3) combined enhanced coalbed methane production and sequestration testing, San Juan Basin, NM combined enhanced oil recovery and sequestration testing, Permian Basin, TX

(4) combined enhanced oil recovery and sequestration testing, Permian Basin, TX



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150,000 tons/year

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Phase II Demonstration Schedule

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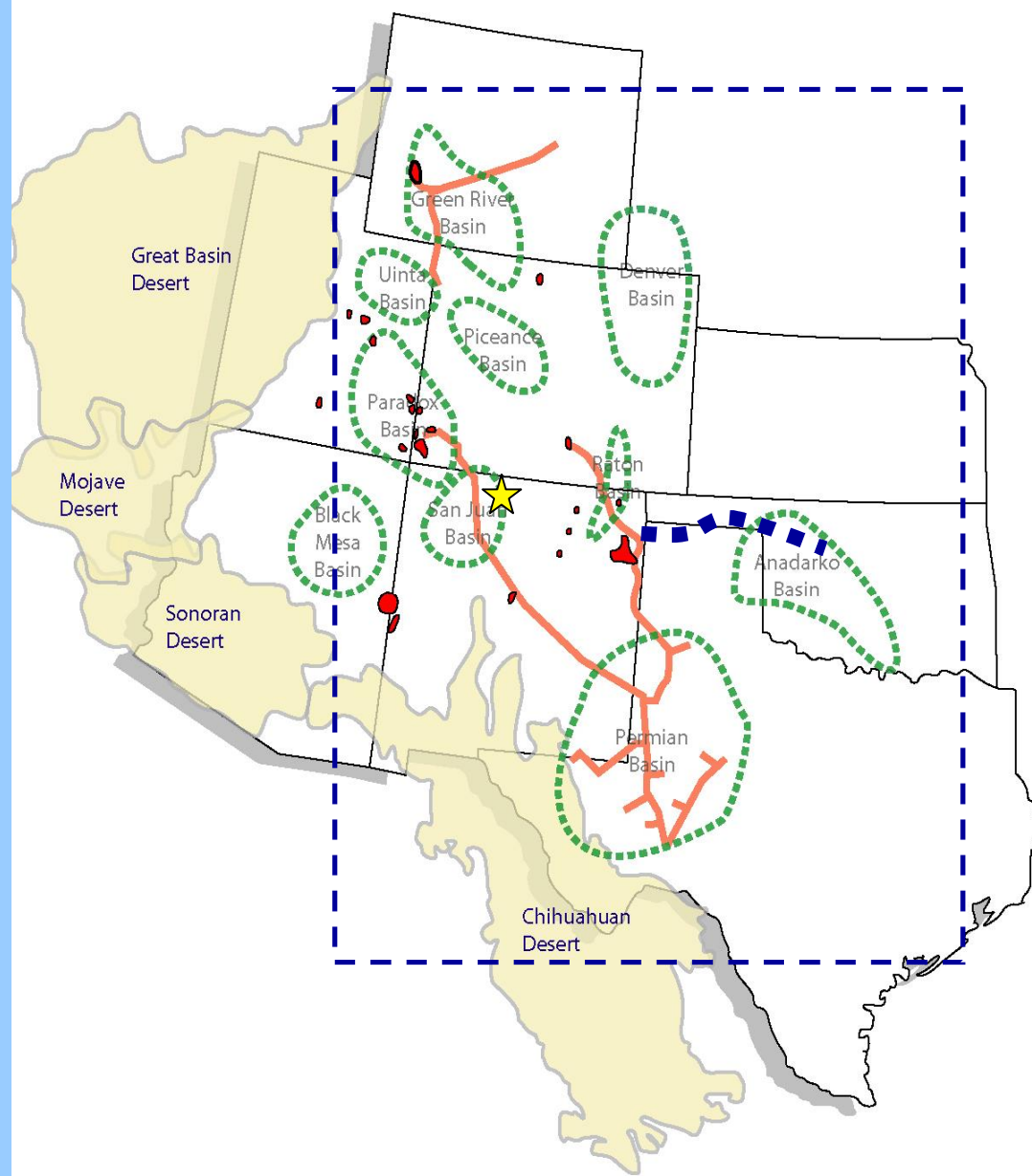
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Two terrestrial (surface vegetation) sequestration projects are ongoing in Phase II:

(1) Regional Assessment

(2) A ~10 km scale pilot in New Mexico will be conducted in tandem with the ECBM sequestration pilot: produced water from the ECBM test will be desalinated and used to restore riparian lands.

Phase III Project: 2008

Stage 1: Pilot demonstration in southern Colorado (1 million tons/y)

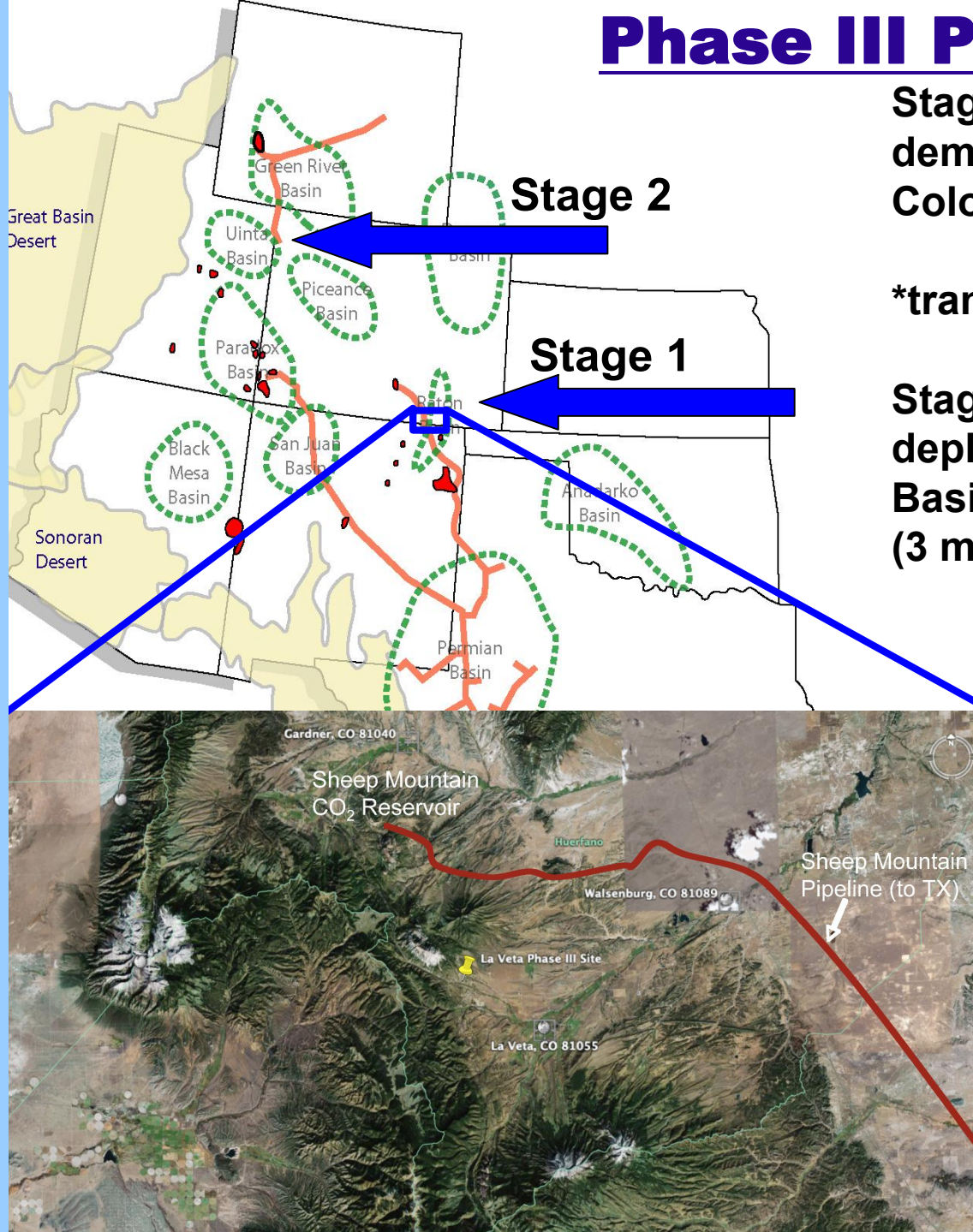
***transition* to**

Stage 2: Commercial deployment in the Uinta Basin of northern Utah (3 million tons/year)

The area is blessed with an existing pipeline that can bring CO₂ from:

- (a) A natural gas processing plant in southern Colorado
- (b) A new ethanol plan in eastern New Mexico

These combined sources will provide up to 1 million tons per year CO₂, equivalent to a medium-size power plant, for the Phase III project in Colorado

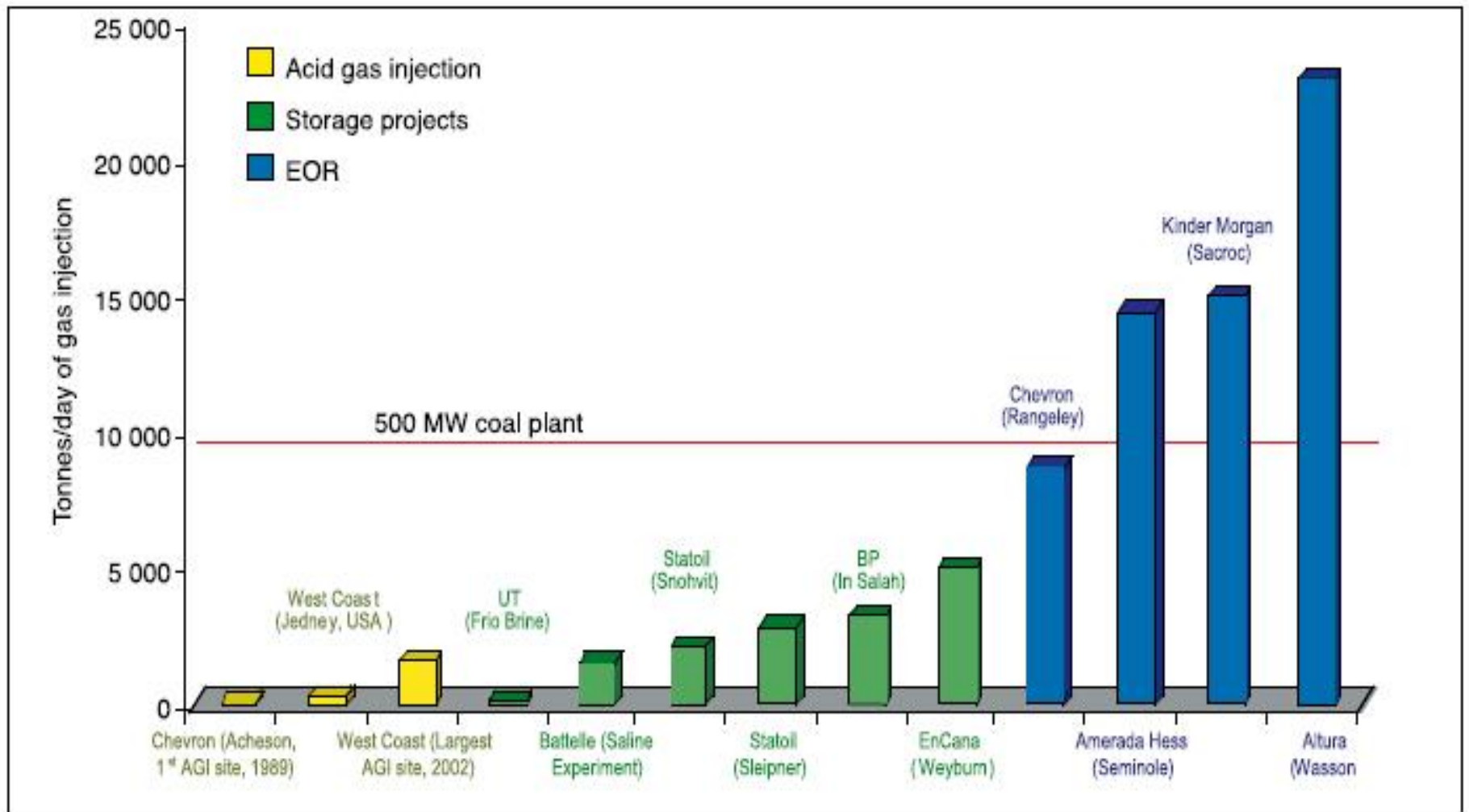


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Comparison of the magnitude of CO₂ injection activities

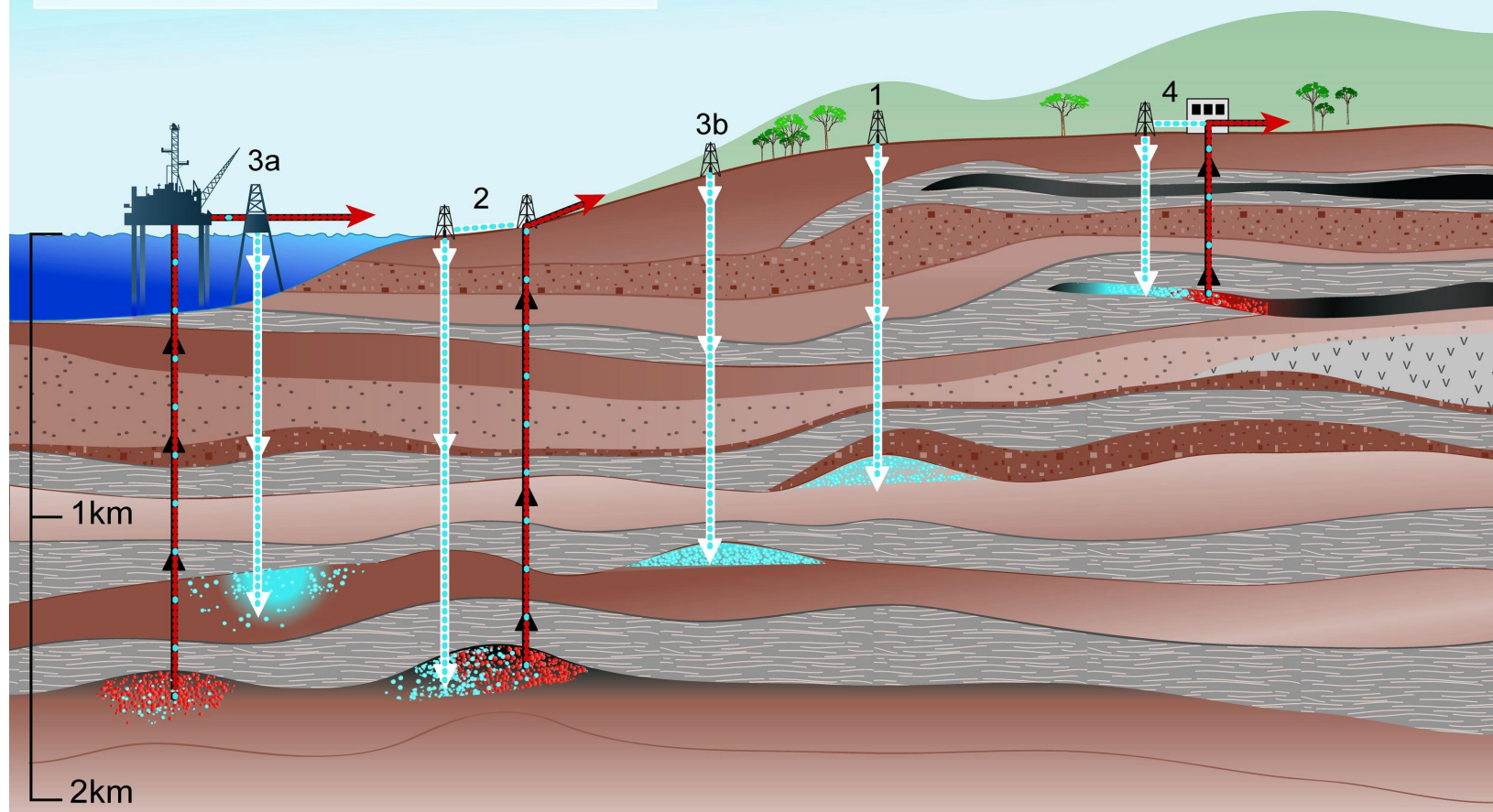


(after Heinrich *et al.*, 2003).

Methods for storing CO₂ in deep underground geological formations

Overview of Geological Storage Options

- 1 Depleted oil and gas reservoirs
- 2 Use of CO₂ in enhanced oil and gas recovery
- 3 Deep saline formations — (a) offshore (b) onshore
- 4 Use of CO₂ in enhanced coal bed methane recovery



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ICPP BANGKOK ACCORD!

EGI

- UN Meeting of 120 nations
- Peak GHG by 2012
- We have 8 years to act
- Must limit to 2 deg. C rise next 30 years
- Need to reduce CO₂ to 50-80% of 2000 levels
- Building energy efficient is important
- Last minute addition Nuclear power to overall strategy
(a US push)
- Chinese and India question who pays (Developed Countries made the problem and should pay)

Last Slide

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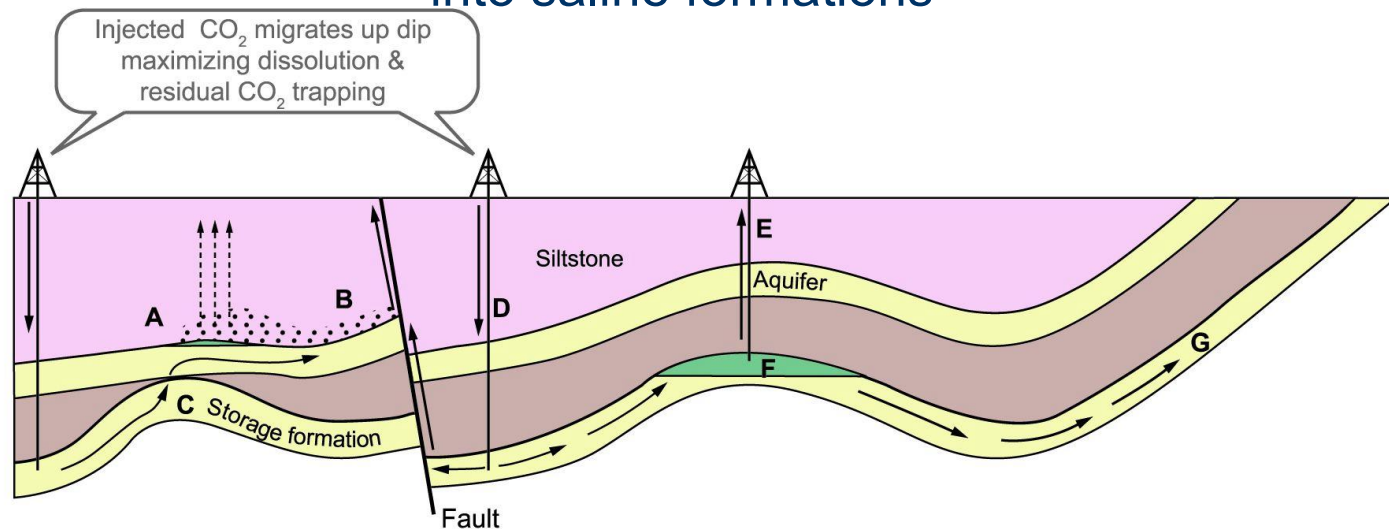
University of Utah
Ranked in top 10%



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Potential leakage routes and remediation techniques for CO₂ injected into saline formations



Potential Escape Mechanisms

A. CO₂ gas pressure exceeds capillary pressure & passes through siltstone

B. Free CO₂ leaks from A into upper aquifer up fault

C. CO₂ escapes through 'gap' in cap rock into higher aquifer

D. Injected CO₂ migrates up dip, increases reservoir pressure & permeability of fault

E. CO₂ escapes via poorly plugged old abandoned well

F. Natural flow dissolves CO₂ at CO₂ / water interface & transports it out of closure

G. Dissolved CO₂ escapes to atmosphere or ocean

Remedial Measures

A. Extract & purify ground-water

B. Extract & purify ground-water

C. Remove CO₂ & reinject elsewhere

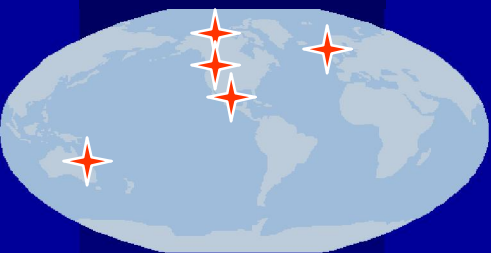
D. Lower injection rates or pressures

E. Re-plug well with cement

F. Intercept & reinject CO₂

G. Intercept & reinject CO₂

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Overview for Pearl

EGI...*the science to find energy*

Calgary

Houston

Salt Lake

London

Sydney